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Grad, Educator Discusses Job, School Career

by Lisa Gould

"One of my favorite memories of Erasmus Hall," stated Mrs. Martha Finkler, assistant superintendent in the Junior High School Division, "is its lovely campus. At noon we students would parade around the quad, admiring the beautiful flowers and trees."

Mrs. Finkler, organizer, administrator and grandmother of three boys smiled as she recalled many happy hours spent in Studio D while she was a student at the school.

From Barnard College, Mrs. Finkler went to teach English, her college major subject, in New York's high schools, being one of the first women to teach at Boy's High. She also taught at James Madison before becoming principal of a Harlem and then a Bedford Stuyvesant junior high school.

Describes Job

The assistant superintendent drew a deep breath when asked what her duties entail. "My job," she said, her eyes shining, "includes the organization and administration of all the junior high schools in the city. I'm in charge of the junior high budget and supervise programs in music, art, foreign language and science."

The only thing the former teacher really misses in her present situation is working directly with the children. Pretty, blonde and enthusiastic, Mrs. Finkler has fondness for teenagers. "The junior high schools," she explained, "grew out of the need to do something very special for the adolescent."

Tells Interests

Mrs. Finkler's outside interests include music, reading, golf and travel. She has travelled all over this country and through Europe. During the war she was head of the Teacher's Voluntary Service Organization. "We taught 66,000 servicemen after school hours in the first year alone. After that we lost count," she said.

"Teaching," she stated, "is the most rewarding profession I know. Young people are just wonderful to work with. There is also great opportunity for advancement in the field. I highly recommend teaching to all who are really interested in people."



Mrs. Martha Finkler

Linguists Win Prizes, Honors

Students have recently competed in four major contests sponsored by the English and French departments.

Dr. A. Barnett Langdale, chairman of the English department, announced the fourteen winners in the New York State Chamber of Commerce essay contest. The topic chosen for this year was "Why New York City Is A Good Home for The United Nations."

Freshmen winners were Carol Endorf and Nancy Rabkin. Suellen Safir, Rita Breitbart, Theodore Ianacelli and Richard Schneider emerged victorious in the sophomore ranks. Nina Tolkoff, Ellen Rothenberg, Greta Durst and Mathew Winston were top juniors, while seniors Helen McNeill, Susan Kaufman, Michael Lubell and Morton Israel edged out all other competition in this grade.

Judged upon the basis of originality, clarity and correct writing style, the winning essays are now entered in the state-wide contest. Prizes range from \$35 for first place to \$10 for fourth place.

Victors in the French department's annual school-wide competition were Richard Zuckerman and Emily Schottenfeld. They will represent our school in the city-wide French contest.

The sophomore grade held a spelling contest witnessed by students in chapel. Jerry Rubin was the first prize winner and Elizabeth Ellis was runner-up. Winners in subject class contests competed in a semi-final judged by Mrs. Florence Harten preceding the contest in chapel.

Nina Tolkoff Wins Top Prize In Miss Stuyvesant Contest

by Marion Brown

Junior Nina Tolkoff became Miss Stuyvesant 1959, at the Stuyvesant Jamboree, March 21. Nina outran a field of twenty-five other contestants in a competition engineered by the Stuyvesant newspaper, *Spectator*.

Math whiz George Bergman submitted Nina's name and picture in the contest. As a nominee, she had to fill out a detailed questionnaire about her school and extra-curricular activities. As the competition narrowed, a supervisory committee of faculty members, headed by Alfred Brant, *Spectator* faculty advisor, which had grilled Nina on all aspects of her interests, awards, hobbies and future plans chose her as winner.

At the Stuyvesant Jamboree, established to raise money for the Stuyvesant Scholarship Fund, the orchestra and chorus of the school performed and the dramatic society presented George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion." During the intermission, Mark Silberfarb, *Spectator* staff-member, who master-minded project *Miss Stuyvesant* declared Nina winner of the five-week contest. Mark presented Nina with the first prize, a white evening dress.

Nina will be guest of honor at Stuyvesant Senior Prom. The "Spec" plans to include an interview with a picture of the first "Miss Stuyvesant" in its May issue.

"To say that I am thrilled by all this," said the pert DUTCHMAN member, "is an understatement."

Students Tour Capitol, Give Talk, Concert

To climax its season of varied activities, the All City Orchestra and Chorus will perform an evening concert, sponsored by the Daily Mirror and Board of Education, at Carnegie Hall May 6.

The group, a student organization of high musical standing, represents 86 New York City high schools. Erasmian participants, flutist Peggy Strum; Bruce Weber, clarinetist; Daniel Nimitz, French hornist, Irwin Grossman, violinist; violist Dorothy Spivack; and pianist Elaine Bergstein, are working under the direction of Conductor Raymond LeMieux on a program which highlights Handel's "Concerto for Duo Chorus."

Visit Washington

Forty-one Erasmians, under the supervision of English mentor Mr. Irwin Rosenblum and his wife, Mr. Martin Flanzbaum, history teacher, and annex clerk Mrs. Freda Zolotow, visited the highspots of our nation's capital in a three day sojourn during the Easter vacation.

Highlight of the excursion for one group of students was a visit to the FBI building. The New York tourists also visited the Treasury Building, White House, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, viewed the changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia, and caught a glimpse of spring in the first sprigs of Washington D.C.'s famous cherry blossoms.

A tram ride gave the more daring of the group a panoramic view of the entire city, and added a bit more color to their trip as well as to their faces.

Councils Meet

The April 17 meeting of the New York City Press Council and General Organization at the High School of Aviation, terminated eight months of vigorous campaigning on "Juvenile Decency" resolutions initiated and sponsored by the Press Council.

The 80 teenage officers and editors, representing the city high schools, have worked through varied mediums to combat the adverse publicity given to today's youth. The campaign has gained momentum through the cooperation and publicity of high school and circulating newspapers, radio, T.V. and the backing of important civic organizations.

Charles Goldmid, president of the Press Council and DUTCHMAN editor Bob Dinerstein, the Council's vice president, will address the delegates on the success and effect of their work.

New seminar discussion will center on the efficiency of the G.O. and the

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Presidential Candidates



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES: Larry Siegel, Toni Scheer and Andy Alpine discuss campaign with G.O. proxy Fred Ansins.

Scientists Take Top Awards; Win Trip To National Fair

Forty One Take Oath; Enter Senior Arista

Senior Ilsa Roslow and sophomore William Rothman won the two major awards at the 21st Annual Brooklyn Borough Science Fair, held at the Clara Barton Vocational High School April 10 and 11. They will have all their expenses paid on a four day trip to Hartford, Connecticut, where they will compete in the National Science Fair.

Ilsa and William are members of the group of seven boys and three girls, two from each borough, who will represent New York at the National Fair. They will compete against winning entries from all fifty states for the national prizes.

During informal ceremonies presided over by Mr. Marks Bauch, faculty adviser to Arista, the forty-one new members took the customary oath, pledging to uphold the basic ideals of character, scholarship and service upon which the society was founded in 1910 by Dr. Walter B. Gunnison, then principal.

Boy and girl leaders Richard Olivo and Judy Marcus and secretary Susan Marshall welcomed the new members.

New members are: Barbara Fenimore, Beverly Katzman, Steven Platt, Kenneth Schwartz, 8818; Jonathan Ehrlich, Sharon Flescher, Steven Kazan, Arthur Laholt, Margaret Pitkin, 8820; Ronald Halweil, James Thompson, Cynthia Silver, 8821; Richard Dobkin, Robert W. Gottlieb, Roy Harris, Charles Koshetz, Samuel L. Rieger, Nina Zatz, 8822.

Also admitted were: Armand Arriza, Helene Backinoff, Bruce R. Donoff, Mortimer Israel, Linda Zuckerman, 8823; Marian Alben, Judy Flexser, Carol Hankin, Daniel Nimetz, Barry Schwitzer, 8824; Eleanor Feldman, Andrea Karpas, David Levine, Robert Rose, 8825; Jeffrey Burstein, Arlene Mucci, 8826.

Other inductees include: Charles Glaser, Emily Orenstein, Judith Young, 8827; Cora Marion Fishman, Karen Hersh, Madeline Jacobs, 8829; Carol Sloekin, 8835.

The music clubs are hoping to prove that "practice makes perfect," as they prepare for the fifth annual Spring Concert, the evenings of May 29 and 30, at Walt Whitman Hall of Brooklyn College.

The concert will have a balanced, varied and interesting program that will give pleasure to a mixed audience, according to Mr. Cosimo V. DiPietro, chairman of the music department.

Teachers and students worked together to select the musical compositions which they will present.

Clubs which will perform are the orchestra, conducted by Mr. Sidney Bowden, the band, under the baton of Mr. Martin Milella and Mixed Choral Club, directed by Mr. DiPietro, who is also in charge of the entire event.

Mr. Joseph Albertson will lead the Boys' Glee Club while Miss Caryl Segerstrom will direct the Girls'. The

total number of musicians and chorus will be as large as last year.

Special selections will commemorate the bicentenary of composer George Frederich Handel's death and the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Victor Herbert. Miss Segerstrom and Mr. Bowden will conduct.

The Parent-Teachers Association will handle ticket selling through official classes. A portion of the proceeds will go to the P.T.A. for its scholarship fund.

Juniors Seek Top Positions In G.O. Contest

by Joe Blum and Linda Pivar

Dominated by girls, a slate of nine candidates will compete in the first annual G.O. election, May 11. Vying for the top position are juniors Andrew Alpine for the Buff, Toni Scheer for the Blue, and Larry Siegel for the Gray Party.

Vice-presidential contenders are Ira Lieberman, Zelda Shapiro and Nina Tolkoff. Bonnie Banks, with 718 votes, Stefie Gray, with 390, and Allen Tobias, with 353, won the right to run in the secretarial contest. The April 20 primaries eliminated Fran Shurr, Sam Leinhardt and Sharon Friedman from the running.

Active Candidates

The presidential candidates are active participants in extra-curricular activities. Andy Alpine, Junior president, belongs to XYZ and Senior Arista. A member of the Program Committee and Student Council, he intends to reactivate the Student Court and help the PTA make the Student Lounge a success. In order to improve attendance at school sports events, Alpine proposes to seek season ticket arrangements for G.O. members.

Lady politician Toni Scheer has been both class president and secretary and a member of Student Assembly. An active participant in Junior Sing, Toni plans to establish a G.O. bulletin, to promote inter-grade dances and rallies for each sports season.

Plans Jazz Concert

Baseball player Larry Siegel is a member of Senior Arista and XYZ. Active also in the Student Assembly and Program Committee, he was chairman of the Junior Sing. He will attempt to arrange Record Hops, which will feature personal appearances by popular recording stars. He also has plans for a school Jazz Concert.

To promote student enthusiasm, the G.O. has instituted a party system. To see whether they would appear on the Buff, Blue or Gray ticket, candidates drew lots. Erasmians may split their ballots.

For the benefit of voters, the platforms of the vice-presidential and secretarial candidates, along with their qualifications and pictures appear on the last page.

Clubs Prepare Spring Concert; PTA Organizes Ticket Sales

Senior Celebrities: 1959



Kneeling: Miriam Feingold, Girl Most Likely to Succeed; Thelma Kamer, Class Musician; Second Row: Jacqueline Johnson, Girl Athlete; Miriam Nussbaum, Class Traveller; Valerie Salberg, Josie Erasmus; Joan Campagna, Class Cutie; Sydelle Cohen, Girl Dancer; Helene Meisner, Class Pinup; Third Row: Jay Levinson, Class Actor; Norman Schimmler, Class Wit; Lucy Helfant, Most Popular Girl; Trudy Wallace, Class Singer; Harriet Mersel, Class Actress; Helen McNeil, Class Writer; Jany Krause, Best Dressed Girl; Lassie Chalken, Prettiest Girl; Ed Wynn, Boy Dancer; Fourth Row: Billy Wiener, Class Sculptor; Mel Schwartz, Handsomest Boy; Lenny Ellman, Class Politician; Phil Satow, Most Popular Boy; Richard Olivo, Boy Most Likely to Succeed; Emanuel Munos, Best Dressed Boy; Fred Ansins, Joe Erasmus; Richard Heinrich, Boy Who Did Most for the School; Arnold Fetell, Class Scientist; Jimmy Grasnow, Class Artist; Camera Shy: Adele Levine, Girl Who Did Most for the School; Lewis Freifeld, Boy Athlete; Ronald Foster, Class Photographer.

PTA Holds Meeting; Elects New Officers

To acquaint parents with the problems facing students after they leave high school, the PTA held a special meeting Wednesday, April 15. Guest speakers were Mr. Benjamin Altshuler, chairman of Admissions and Scholarships for Queens County for Yale University, and Mr. Lawrence Lansner, placement director at the Bernard Baruch School of Business and Public Administration of City College.

Also on the agenda was the election of PTA officers for 1959-1960. The new president is Mr. Myron Ellis. Vice-presidents are: Mrs. Milton Neuworth, Mrs. Milton Shapiro and Mr. Henry Shermin. Secretaries are Mrs. Robert Dickes, Mrs. Henry Friedman and Mrs. Florence McLean. Mrs. Charles Gold is treasurer.

Mrs. Julius Morris, chairman of the PTA Spring Concert Journal Committee, urges students and parents to purchase ads in the Journal.

Mr. Fried Enjoys Discussion, Collects Quotes, Hates 'Things'

by Ellen Rothenberg

Mr. Herbert Fried, French teacher, collector of classical records, good quotations and second-hand books, proved an interesting source of ideas on education and American living.

"I do some of my best teaching," he said by way of introduction, "during moments of digression from the subject of the lesson."

When urged to explain, he continued, "A teacher's main job is to inspire students to further their knowledge and practice original thinking. By speaking on related topics, I often start discussions in which pupils present and revise their own opinions."

Mr. Fried added that his willingness to go off the subject did not mean that he did not value the study of French in itself. He feels that knowledge of French, or any other language, is one of the many necessary ingredients that go into making an educated person.

When questioned about present-day education, Mr. Fried revealed a dislike of over-specialization by high school students. He also vigorously expressed a belief that the school system should urge good pupils to work to their fullest capacity.

Asked, "Do you have any special philosophy of your own?" the teacher replied, "I like something Sir William Osler, the Canadian physician, once said. He advised men to live in



Mr. Herbert Fried

daytight compartments,' to take each day separately." Smiling wistfully he added, "That advice, I am afraid, is very hard to follow."

Commenting on our society, Mr. Fried declared, "We live in a world of things. Things make victims of people. I feel I must guard against succumbing to them."

Asked how he combated materialism, he replied with care, "My chief defense is a constant awareness of the problem. I believe that people and ideas are more important than things. I feel travel broadens one's understanding. My own visits to Europe have been invaluable."

Jobs, Colleges, Scholarships:

June Grads Can Still Apply

by Leonard Tobias

There are still some opportunities available for seniors who are looking for colleges, scholarships or jobs.

New York City Community College and the Fashion Institute of Technology are offering scholarships to general course students who are doing well. Community College will award a Trustee Scholarship of \$100 per semester for four semesters to a deserving senior. Students applying to Community College should report to room 8 for details about this scholarship. The deadline date for filing the application is May 1, 1959.

Those students still seeking admission to a college should also report to the guidance office. The office has information about two college admissions centers at Northbrook and the Council of Higher Education Institute here in New York City. These centers try to aid students in their search for a college.

As for employment, there are many concerns still looking for seniors who are not going to college. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the American Tobacco Company, and Brown Brothers Harriman and Company are interested in interviewing job seekers.

The Western Electric Company has job openings for students not planning to attend day college in September, 1959. They are anxious to employ boys with a good academic record who plan on going to college at night. Interested students should consult the employment office for further details.

Keep your nose to the grindstone, your feet on the ground, your eye on the ball, your hands on the plow, and take the bull by the horns. Now try to work in that position.

Perhaps communication would be easier if we understood the idioms we use. Did you know that the phrase "mad as a hatter" comes from the days when mercury was used to kill rabbits? When the hatters treated the rabbit skins, the poisonous mercury vapor came out of the skins. As a result, most hatters were afflicted with a nervous disease which caused them to twitch and act "mad." "Pipe dreams," or something you think about which you will never get, comes from the fantasies produced by smoking opium pipes.

So don't forget. The next time you shoot your mouth off, don't put your foot in it or you may find yourself hell-bent for shoe-leather to sabotage the whole works.

School, At Night, Appears A Different World; Athletes Practice and Adults Attend Classes

by Allen Tobias

"Je veux apprendre l'anglais," said a young man from Marseilles. "Yo deseo aprender el inglés," said a mother from San Juan. "Ich will Englisch lernen," a Rhinelander said, and a former citizen of Tel-Aviv stated, "Ahnee rotseh ilimod anglit." A one-time Florentine businessman told me, "Io voglio imparare l'inglese." All these people want to speak English.

This common goal brings the Frenchman, the Latin-American, the Israeli, the German, the Italian and all the others together each weekday night. Their meeting place is Erasmus Hall. The name of the activity is the Evening Elementary School, under the direction of Principal Mr. Irving Gersten. Students' ages range from 17 to 70. The thirty-odd national groups are divided into eleven classes in which they learn English and citizenship.

Another activity held in the school after dark is an Evening High School, which gives diplomas to any who qualify and have been graduated from elementary school. The school is open to the foreign-born graduates of night elementary schools as well as to the day school graduates.

By far the most popular activity in the school's night

life, which includes the interviewing of students applying for admission to the University of Pennsylvania, is the gym and recreation program. Students of high school age and older people make use of the facilities for basketball, swimming, volleyball and even baseball. The Board of Education Bureau of Community Service sponsors the program under the direction of Mr. Bernie Kirschenbaum, dean and basketball coach at the new Sheepshead Bay High School.

Jerry Weber, alumnus of this school, is in charge of one of the three gyms in use every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. Many church, temple, and fraternal orders also use the gym facilities. In addition to the athletics program, the Bureau of Community Education offers informal adult education classes.

Our school holds P.T.A. and guidance meetings in the Chapel at night. Several Boy Scout troops also meet in the building. The other evening, I heard a wandering scout say to a pal, "Gee, this is a great place to get lost in." It's a great place to have a good time in, too.

Annual Elections

The General Organization election this year will be the first annual election. This change from the semi-annual contest is designed to spark greater student enthusiasm and promote greater efficiency in running the G.O.

With only one chance to run for office, potential candidates will be less likely to "wait for next year." More and better candidates will seek office in each election. Also, within the framework of student government, the officers gain greater efficiency in holding their posts for a year instead of a term. As one former officer put it, "By the time I learned my job, I was out of office."

The new election system will also provide for a training period in June, when former incumbents and newly elected officers can work together. Finally, there is the hope that students will consider the one annual election more important than two each year and thus will regard it with greater spirit and enthusiasm, qualities lacking in recent elections.

Whether or not an annual election system is an improvement is a matter of opinion. The best step, and the one taken, is to try it out.

Happy Birthday, Dear Regents

Happy Birthday, dear Regents! Students, stop trembling with awe and even fear at the idea of June Regents' examinations. Dwell for a moment on the birthday of that august board, The Board of Regents, which celebrated its one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary, Friday, April 24.

The Board of Regents merits a rest from its arduous chores. Its members, appointed by the governor, supervise every phase of education in New York State. Under their jurisdiction are elementary, secondary and college education, and the preparation of professional men for their jobs. The administering of Regents' examinations is only one phase of maintaining the high standards demanded by this group.

The Death of the Dance

So far as the General Organization is concerned, afternoon dances in the school are a thing of the past. The G.O. officers refuse to put forth the effort required to arrange, publicize and hold dances because the students will not cooperate.

Is the G.O. justified in taking this attitude? We think so. Over the past two years, the G.O. has arranged six dances. Only two have succeeded.

Why do dances fail? It is certainly not because they lack publicity or are priced too high. Student enthusiasm is high when the dances are first announced. Yet attendance is discouragingly low. Do students have too many other things to do? Is it the old malady, no school spirit? We don't know.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

During the three years that I have been in the school, I have noticed that The DUTCHMAN has devoted little space to the teachers, students and achievements of the commercial departments.

I am sure that many Erasmians would be interested to learn of the courses offered by the commercial departments. These courses are not exclusively for commercial students, for many academic and general students also take them.

Since the modernization project has been completed, room 424 has been set aside for the merchandising classes. This room is set up just like a retail store. Room 227 has been especially equipped to meet the needs of the secretarial and clerical practice classes. It is equipped with almost every type of business machine found in the modern business office.

The commercial departments offer many courses which prepare students for immediate employment in the business world after graduation. However, the aim of the departments is not only to prepare students for employment, but also to prepare students who plan to take business administration in college.

Please pay the commercial departments a visit. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Donin, 8813

Be Sure to Miss These Too:
Gidget, Up Periscope, and of course, Imitation Of Life.

We Still Prefer:

My Uncle, and South Pacific.

Students Ponder N.Y. Problem: Should City Become A State?



Elly Asher Suzi Philip
by Ellie Herskowitz

QUESTION: Half in jest, many people have suggested that New York City secede from New York State. Do you think this is a good idea?

Elly Rosenbaum-8831: New York

City would be much better off if it could secede from New York State.

The city is a creature of the state, and all its rules and regulations are subject to the State's approval. Half of the state's population is in the city, fifty percent of the city's taxes go to the state, and yet the city receives only thirty-five percent back in state aid. Why should New York support the welfare of less populated communities when its schools are overcrowded, its teachers are underpaid, and it lacks adequate police and fire departments?

Asher Sheppard-8822: Those who propose secession of New York City from the State do so, I hope, more as a threat than with serious intent.

It may be true that the city is not fairly represented in the Legislature or given proportional return of its tax dollar, but secession is a rash move; negotiation would be wiser. The problem lies more in the political situation, with Democrats in the city and Republicans upstate, than it does in the relationship between state and local governments. Shouldn't thought be directed toward creating a more cooperative atmosphere among politicians instead of separating the governments?

Suzi Epstein-6619: The signers of the Declaration of Independence intimated that governmental upheavals should not occur for trivial disappointments. They set a standard for which Americans shed much blood in the Civil War. Secession of New York City from the state would violate this principle and breed general disrespect for government. Those displeased with the present regime in Albany need merely wait until the next election to correct the situation.

Philip Wexler-6602: I think secession is highly improbable. In order for New York City to petition the Federal government for secession from New York State, a majority vote of the State Legislature would be required. This would mean that representatives from other parts of the state would have to vote for secession. Secession would result in the loss of about two billion dollars in revenues for the state. The upstate residents would hardly favor such a prospect. Even if New York City could manage to secede, the revenues necessary to run the city would probably either remain what they are or increase.

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89-63 Triumph Makes Cagers Third in PSAL

by Steve Smith

Sparked by deadly shooting, the Dutchman hoopsters earned the appellation "dead-eye" as they played their finest offensive game of the season to beat George Washington 89-63 in the battle for third place in the PSAL tourney, March 21 at Madison Square Garden. The cagers' 89 points marked a high for this year's tournament.

Sparkling shooting by Lew Freifeld, John Pelkaus and Joel Yoselowitz highlighted the first quarter as the team jumped out to a quick 21-8 lead. Bill Cunningham added his hand in the second period to help secure the 43-32 lead at the half.

Reserves Play

A final Washington drive, led by Miles Aiken and Rudy Burrus, to overtake the Flying Dutchmen, failed in the opening minutes of the third quarter and the Buff and Blue continued to dominate the game to the tune of 60-49 at the end of the third quarter. As the team continued to pile up points in the final period, coach Bernie Kirsner substituted his lower terms to give them the necessary experience.

The victory gave the hoopsters an overall 19-3 record for the season and marked the highest that a Buff and Blue team has finished since '55-'56 when the cagers came in second in the tournament.

Coach Thankful

After the game coach Kirsner had only praise for the squad. "It has been a wonderful year," he exclaimed, "and I'd like to thank every one of you for making it possible." Though reluctant to single boys out, he did commend co-captains Lew Freifeld and Bob Sommer for their "fine leadership."

For approximately half of the squad the game was their last. Donning their uniforms for the last time were co-captains Freifeld and Sommer, Joel Yoselowitz, John Pelkaus, Ed Nally, and Roger Fasting.

In the championship battle of the evening, Boys High beat Commerce 74-58 to win the City Championship.

Sports Thoughts

by Bruce Weber



Hats off! The team without a big man finishes third in the city. However, not even this fact influenced the selectors of All-City fives.

The hoopsters did rate a few picks and we'll give them to you in capsule form. Lew Freifeld gained a first team spot in the *Journal-American*, third team in the *World-Telegram* and honorable mention in the *Post* and *Daily News*. Joel Yoselowitz garnered second team honors in the *Journal* and *News* as well as honorable mention in the *Post* and *Telegram*.

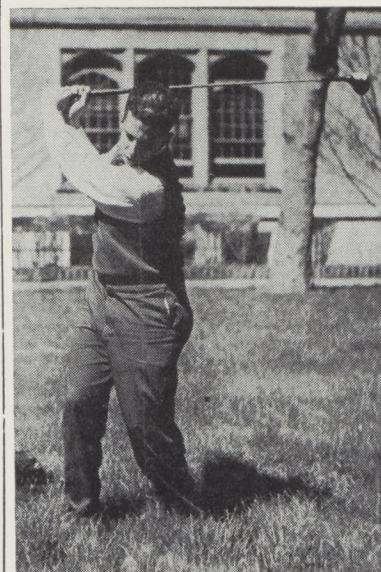
First Arista Victory Batters Tilden Team

Senior Arista chalked up its first victory of the season by beating Tilden's Honor Society, 53-44 in a game in the loser's gym, April 10.

Sporting an offensive attack reminiscent of the varsity hoopsters, the team dominated the game from the outset. With Stu Weiner and Richie Hirschman pouring in jumps and sets, the team jumped to a ten point lead at the half-way mark.

In the second half Joel Thurm and Jesse Kahn chipped in with a couple of baskets apiece to help stave off the Blue Devils' counteroffensive.

Throughout the second half, Coaches Steve Narker and Joe Warsoff substituted freely, giving Billy Gerchick and Arnie Fetell a chance to play.



THE SWING IS THE THING:
Billy Gerchick limbers up.

Veteran Army Ping Pong Star Guides Golfers

by Joel Snider

Army ping pong strategist Neil Brown now holds the reins of the golf team which coach Vince Cimmino relinquished to join the Army. Formerly, Mr. Brown coached a junior high school five and starred in Army Ping Pong competition.

Mr. Brown calmly recalled his Christmas "vacation" in Havana where he shunned all political activities to play golf.

Turning to the golf squad, the coach expressed his plans for a tournament to determine his five regular divot-diggers. Thus far his only definite starters are Steve Fromm, Bill Gerchick, and Pete Sherman.

Competing for the two unfilled positions are Jeff Rovins, Lynn Tashman, John Kaufman, Steve Solomon, and juniors Jerry Freedman and Barry Olshan. "In view of the lack of juniors, next year's team will depend greatly on sophomore material," emphasized the mentor. "If there are any talented sophomores I hope to see them this term."

The opener of the team's nine match schedule is against New Utrecht on April 21. Before this match all golf coaches send in a roster of players listed according to ability. Shortly thereafter the coaches send a permanent roster to P.S.A.L. officials. Each player is paired with an opponent on the basis of these lists.

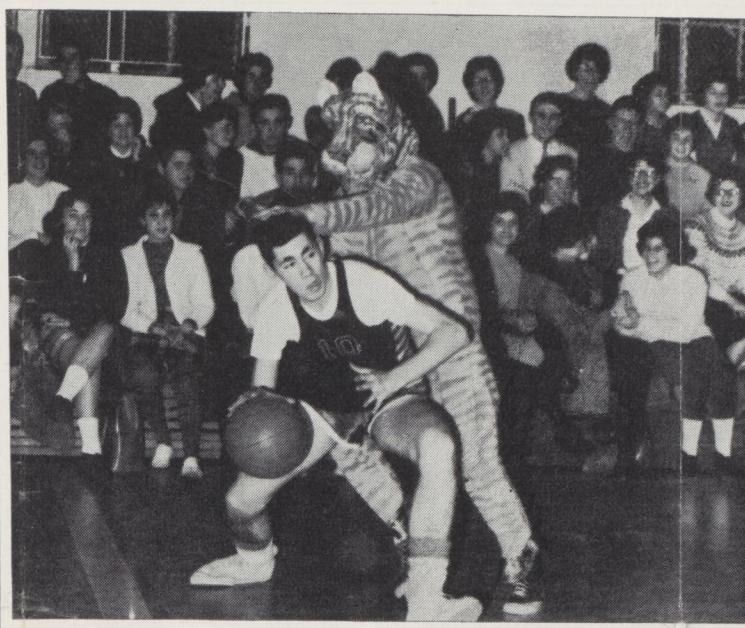
Cinderlemen Defeated As New League Opens

Proposed three months ago, Brooklyn's P.S.A.L. league for the outdoor track season is now a reality. The borough's twenty high school track teams are now organized into a four section league. At the season's end the leaders of each section will compete for the Brooklyn championship. Our cinderlemen along with those of Midwood, Tilden, New Utrecht, and Fort Hamilton comprise Section III. The dual meet held with Tilden at Tilden Field on Thursday, April 9, marked the season's official opening for our team, which was convincingly defeated. The best performances came in the field events.

Martino took second place in the shotput with a heave of 40' 5". "Soph sensation" Billy Cunningham and Shelley Weinstein tied for third place with jumps of 4' 11". "This was Billy's first meet," said Coach Joel Kass, "and he showed great courage."

In the next division dual meet with Fort Hamilton, the cinderlemen ran with abandon, before succumbing 52½-37½. Steve Diamond won the 100 yard dash in 10.3 seconds, broad-jumped 19 feet 7 inches to win, and ran anchor on the victorious 880 relay to pace the squad.

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TIGERMAN SHANMAN: Threatens rival Ed Goldstein

Dutchmen Tie Lafayette Nine; Technicality Highlights Game

by Bob Gelbard

A ruling on a technicality was one of the main features of the Dutchmen nine's 1-1 tie with Lafayette, April 8 at Erasmus Field.

The decision occurred in the bottom half of the sixth inning with Joe Tursellino on first, and Mike Cohen on second, with two out. Catcher Joe Garcia walked after a 3-2 count. However, after walking half way down first, he turned back to pick up his hat at the plate, and was tagged out.

Attack Sputters

In the first inning, after Lafayette went down in order, John Ricca, third baseman, walked, and Butch Satow struck out. Lou Balsamo forced out Ricca at second, and then went to third on Mike Cohen's grounder through the shortstop's legs. Joe Tursellino popped out to the second baseman to end the inning.

The Buff and Blue scored their run in the third inning after John Ricca walked again. Butch Satow flied to right, John going to second on an error in the throw-in.

Lou Balsamo then hit a long fly, to the right field fence, which the right-fielder dropped, Ricca scoring and Lou going to second. Mike Cohen popped out to the third baseman for the third out.

Tie Game

In the top half of the fourth inning, Mike Festa, the Frenchmen's cleanup man, walked. The next man up also walked and Bill Zeitchick, the sixth man in Lafayette's batting order, forced him out at second, Festa going to third. In the next play, on a double steal, Zeitchick stole second, and on the throw to second from Joe Garcia, Festa scored. The next man hit a fly to left-fielder Dan Melore, and ended the inning.

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Girls' Sports

by Sandy Lepiner



No doubt about it now, spring is here! Just as one may see the Dodgers loosen up at Vero Beach, Florida, so do many note a reasonable facsimile of such a team whip into shape on the Parade Grounds' diamonds. The softball squad still welcomes enthusiasts Wednesdays afternoons. In line with the outdoor sports program, hockey and bowling continues as usual, while tennis steps in for badminton.

Upholding tradition, several of our Leaders, under faculty adviser Miss Rosemary Holran, assisted at the 30th Annual Party for the Blind, held at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn. Representatives included Rochelle Dratler, Judy Garfield, Eleanor Rosenbaum, Maxine Shaftel and Sura Spilkin. The Junior High School Play Day, held on April 17, was a great success. At the invitation of the leaders, Walt Whitman, Ditmas, Montauk and Lefferts junior high schools and elementary schools 258, 232, 240 and 285, along with a group of freshmen from our Annex attended. The primary purposes of the event were to acquaint future Erasmians with Leaders Club and with our athletic program. The girls were encouraged to pursue these sports in order that they may sooner meet the requirements for Leaders.

Sunny Kessler, June, 1958, past Leader and swim assistant, recently joined American University's swimming team. Congratulations!

Lady Teacher Helps Faculty Beat Students

by Bob Dinerstein

Although handicapped by the absence of offensive and defensive star, Mr. Paul Reynolds, the faculty, led by Miss Ann Mallet, of the girls' health education department, thoroughly trounced the Seniors, March 26, in the annual student-faculty basketball game.

The sight of Miss Mallet clad in tights and mask, making her entrance via a ladder from the balcony astonished the students. She led her team to defeat our cagers. The appearance of boys' dean Mr. Malcolm Shanahan dressed in a tiger suit, and basketball coach Mr. Bernard Kirchner attired as a fox was equally disconcerting.

Use Ladder

In order to make it an even contest, the faculty had a few aids. It was only fair that 5' 4" Mr. Neil Brown should stand atop a ladder when jumping center against 6' 2" Bruce Weber.

The combined efforts of Mr. Al Caruso, Mr. Howard Bloom, Mr. Joe Fisher, Mr. Pierre Hemon and score keeper Ted Leight all led to the defeat of the out-played students.

Hoping to regain their stature, the seniors then played the best of former Dutchman cagers in the Alumni-Student game. John Lee, Alex Mantel, Merv Solomon, Ed Weiner and ex-Tilden star, Red Goldstein, comprised the formidable starting lineup, while Chuck Badain, Stu Gotsenker, Bob Boening, Marty Bier, Steve Wagner, Ed Ratner, Jerry Fleischman and N.B.A. referee Norm Drucker, completed the squad.

Berger Plays

Even though 1958 grads Mike Berger, Stretch Grossman and Ezra Satz joined the students they were no match for the deadly accuracy exhibited by the alumni. Varsity hoopsters Lew Freifeld, Joel Yoselowitz, John Pelkaus, Bob Sommer, Roger Fasting, Ed Nally plus seniors Bruce Weber, Ed Goldstein and Reggie Grossman made it close for over three quarters before succumbing 73-57.

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